(f) what action is proposed to be taken to get the supplies restored with immediate effect ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) to (c) No separate agreement is entered into by SAIL with individual customers. Pig Iron is supplied to the customers in accordance with the distribution guidelines formulated by the Joint Plant Committee, from time to time, depending upon the actual availability.

The letter dated 5th August, 1981 was not an agreement but an intimation about making supplies through Bokaro Steel Plant, as per availability.

(d) to (f) During the current year, the party has been making registration for 300 tonnes per quarter and supplies of pig iron by SAIL are being made as per availability.

Memorandum submitted by theState Hank Employees Associatioto the Finance Minister

1834. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA. : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a deputation of Delhi State Bank Employees' Federation and All India Bank Officers' Association met the Finance Minister recently and handed over a memorandum to him ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) A delegation each of the unions of workmen of State Bank of India and of Officers of the banks met the Finance Minister on 24-1-1990 and 28-6-1990 respectively and submitted their demands. While the workmen union of State Bank of India demanded primarily further benefits in the light of the settlement signed by the Reserve Bank of India with its Class III Staff, the Officers Association raised the issue of manpower shortage, alleged unilateral action by the Government/Indian Banks Association in varying the service conditions of bank officers etc. The demands of workmen unions were negotiated upon by the IBA and a supplementary settlement was signed on 29-6-90. Negotiation between the officers Association and IBA are continuing.

Take over of the Purbanchal BankLimited as an Associate Bank ofSBI

1835. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received a letter dated the 26th July, 1990 from the Bank Officers Association expressing opposition to the proposed taking over of the Purbanchal Bank Limited by the State Bank of India as its associate bank ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for their opposition to the proposal ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) Government had received representations both from Purbanchal Bank Officers' Association as well as from Purbanchal Bank Employees' Association urging that the Purbanchal Bank Ltd. may be merged either with Central Bank of India or with any other nationalised bank. Keeping the interests of the employees as well as depositors of the bank in view, it has now been decided to amalgamate the Purbanchal Bank Ltd. with Central Bank of India.

Effect of Bhopal Gas incident onemployees of Mandala BalaghatGrameen Bank

1836. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that 18 employees of Mandala-Balaghat Grameen Bank were affected by the Bhopal gas incident and have become blind ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to rehabilitate them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that thirty employees of Mandala-Balaghat Grameen Bank were undergoing a training course at Bhopal at the time of Gas leak. Only three of the participants from this Grameen Bank had submitted applications stating that they were affected by the Gas leak. Their applications were duly forwarded to the State Government. The Grameen Bank has reported that the eye sight of one of the three applicants was diminishing and the other one was suffering from chest pain. It has further been reported that the State Government have directed all District Collectors to make available free treatment in Government hospitals in the State to gas affected persons.

Award of National Industrial Tribunal for Regional Rural Bank staff

1837. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI :

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Award of National Industrial Tribunal relating to the Regional Rural Bank staff, is binding and final ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which Government have not yet notified the Award through a Gazette Notification ;

(c) what steps have so far been taken by Government to implement the Award ; and

(d) what is the time schedule by which Government will implement this Award ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) In terms of Government Resolution dated 26-11-1987 constituting the National Industrial Tribunal for deciding pay, allowances and other benefits to the employees of Regional Rural Banks, the decisions of the said Tribunal shall be final and binding.

(b) to (d) The award made by the Tribunal is under legal scrutiny at present.

Appointment-cum-Promotion Rules of Regional Rural Banks staff

1838. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Appointment-cum-Promotion Rules of Regional Rural Banks staff have been approved by Parliament and it is still effective ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which some of the sponsoring banks have advised in writing to their sponsored Regional Rural Banks not to give effect or take any action in the matter of promotion till the date of implementation of Award ;

(c) whether Government have issued any such directive to the sponsoring Banks or Regional Rural Banks to ignore the Promotion Rules